Child labour in the country

74. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Child Labour Act is being implemented in the country;

(b) if so, the number of child labourers got released State-wise so far since the coming into the force of Act;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to get the children released from labour during the next six months, State-wise; and

(d) what facilities are expected to be provided for their livelihood?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Enforcement of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 is done by the State/UT Governments. Data regarding number of children released is not maintained by the Ministry. State/UT Governments regularly conduct raids and inspections to detect cases of violation of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. As per the information provided by the State/UT Governments 23.44 lakh inspections have been carried out and 1.43 lakh violations have been detected in the period between 1997 to 2005. State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) State/UT Governments are regularly conducting raids and inspections and wherever, children are found to be working in hazardous occupations, they are released. For implementation of the latest notification issued by the Government banning employment of children as domestic workers or servants and in dhabas (road-side eateries), restaurants, hotels, motels, tea-shops, resorts, spas or other recreational centers, State Governments have drawn up Action Plans for strict enforcement of the notification for withdrawal of children from these two occupations and rehabilitation to these children in terms of food, clothing, shelter and education.

(d) Under the National Child Labour Project Scheme, these children are put in the Special Schools and are provided with education, nutrition, stipend, vocational training and health care etc.

Statement

State-wise details of number of inspections conducted and violations detected

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Inspections	Violations
1	A. & N. Island (U.T.)	57	74
2	Andhra Pradesh	206832	70922
3	Arunachal Pradesh	235	13
4	Assam	14901	546
5	Bihar	199801	21582
6	Chandigarh (U.T.)	3316	0
7	Chhattisgarh	11172	550
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli (U.T.)	906	0
9	Daman & Diu (U.T.)	3020	0
10	Delhi (U.T.)	26407	1355
11	Goa	2592	35
12	Gujarat	13262	1028
13	Haryana	9193	150
14	Himachal Pradesh	6246	4
15	Jammu & Kashmir	7144	63
16	Jharkhand	10187	648
17	Karnataka	118873	10814
18	Kerala	10650	593
19	Lakshadweep (U.T.)	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	31976	1221
21	Maharashtra	152992	2161
22	Manipur	486	0
23	Meghalaya	2207	5
24	Mizoram	0	0
25	Nagaland	13431	200
26	Orissa	1853	1145
27	Pondicherry (U.T.)	69846	11511
28	Punjab	19139	91
29	Rajasthan	32015	567
30	Sikkim	0	0
31	Tamil Nadu	1232050	6122
32	Tripura	891	11
33	Uttar Pradesh	12234	8123
34	Uttaranchal	39859	117
35	West Bengal	90656	4153
	TOTAL:	2344429	143804